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SUBJECT: SLOVAKIA RELEASES STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
MONTENEGRO'S REFERENDUM

1. (U) The Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs released the following statement of support of Montenegro's referendum on May 23. The original text is available in Slovak at www.mzv.sk:

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The Slovak Republic together with the international community observes carefully and with interest the course of the referendum process in Montenegro, and respects the outcome of the vote of its people. The Slovak Republic considers important that Montenegro has accepted European and democratic principles and standards through this process.

Thanks to the active approach of the citizens of Montenegro towards this referendum, the process was fully legitimate, which is the key to further progress in the region. The Slovak Republic awaits the acknowledgement of the legitimacy of the process from all involved political players in Serbia and Montenegro. The Slovak Republic equally anticipates that even the next developments confirm the respect and the application of the rules and standards that will be the foundation for the fulfillment and realization of the outcome of the referendum.

The responsible approach of the politicians and citizens of Montenegro and Serbia will also be a contribution towards the strengthening of good neighboring ties, regional stability, and security.

The Slovak Republic is convinced that the referendum and its agenda provide Montenegro with a strong foundation for continued and successful advancement of the country in the prospective process of integration into Euro-Atlantic structures.

The Slovak Republic as a member state of the European Union in regards to the referendum process in Montenegro actively participated in the promotion of democratic standards and values, and considers this direct involvement as a mediator of a legitimate referendum process to be a success of its own foreign policy.

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